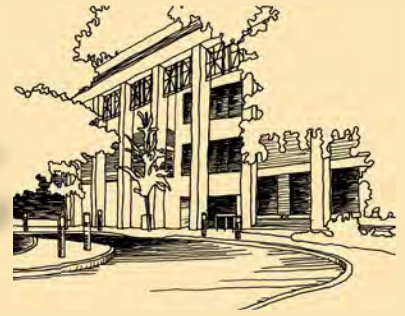


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From the State Archivist

When I introduce myself to individuals as the Missouri State Archivist, more often than not the person's next comment is: "That's in Jefferson City, right?" Confirming their question, I talk about the Archives' role in state government, but I also direct the conversation to how the Archives impacts local communities across the state.

The Missouri State Archives is only one-third of the Secretary of State's Record Services Division. The Division also includes Records Management, which works with temporary state agency records, and the Local Records Preservation Program.

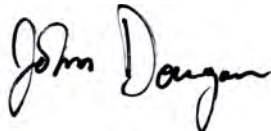
The Local Records Program, established in 1990, provides records management and archival advice and assistance to local government agencies statewide through its network of field archivists. The program also offers microfilming, conservation, disaster and grant support to the same groups.

Through field archivist consultations and guidelines set by the Local Records Board and Office of State Courts Administrator (OSCA), the Archives assists local officials in the disposal of short term records with no historical value while ensuring the retention of important local records. Effective use of space in courthouses, schools and municipal offices saves local governments tens of thousands of dollars each year.

The Local Records Program also provides more than \$200,000 in matching grant funds to county and municipal agencies and school districts each year. Grant awards are based on potential for preservation of and access to permanent records.

Volunteer groups in dozens of counties across the state arrange documents for microfilming. Local Records staff index and microfilm the records to improve access and create a security copy of the records. The conservation lab treats damaged historic documents. Examples range from treatment on the state's most historically significant court cases (e.g. Dred Scott, Old Drum, Frank and Jesse James, etc.) to large quantities of records related to less prominent but no less important aspects of our collective heritage.

Each issue of this newsletter spotlights Local Records' activities in the "Archives Afield!" articles. If you would like to learn more about the Local Records Preservation Program or its work, please visit <http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/localrecs/> or call 573-751-9047.



John Dougan
State Archivist

Missouri Digital Heritage Initiative Goes Live

In 2007, Secretary of State Robin Carnahan announced the Missouri Digital Heritage Initiative (MDHI), a statewide partnership to place Missouri's historical resources online. Now, in 2008, the MDHI website is live with over 200 collections from historical repositories across Missouri available. In addition to records collections, the website contains online exhibits and classroom curricula based on Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's standards.

The official launch of the MDHI website was held at the James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center on April 29, 2008. Guests were welcomed to the reception by Missouri Supreme Court Judge and Friends of the Missouri State Archives Vice-President Stephen N. Limbaugh Jr. Missouri Secretary of State Robin Carnahan spoke to the crowd about the unprecedented access this resource provides and her plans for expanding the website in the future. The website already makes millions of historical documents available to the public and connects users to dozens of Missouri's local libraries, universities and cultural institutions through a single searchable portal.

Attendees were also able to take tours of the Missouri State Archives, including the state's only publicly-funded conservation lab and the newly expanded imaging department. *The Making of the Missouri Digital Heritage Initiative*, a video documenting the work of the staff members who helped make the initiative possible, was also shown. To view the video and learn more about MDHI, please go to www.sos.mo.gov/mdh/MakingOf/.

The landmark Missouri Digital Heritage Initiative is led by two divisions of the Secretary of State's Office, the Missouri State Archives and the Missouri State Library, with assistance from the State Historical Society of Missouri. In the coming year, these institutions plan to dramatically expand the amount of information about



Representative Sam Page (seated left) and Elizabeth Wilson (seated right) explore the MDHI website with the help of Denise Ziegelbein (l) and Sharon Brock (r).

Missouri's past available through MDHI by assisting groups across the state in digitizing their documents, photographs and maps.

If you have questions regarding the MDHI website or would like to learn more about how to place your local historical records online, please e-mail mdh@sos.mo.gov or call (800) 325-0131.

How to Use the MDHI Website:

The Missouri Digital Heritage Initiative website can be found online at www.missouridigitalheritage.com. Under the "Collections" tab, users can expect to find a vast number of records series that have already been divided into common research topics, like agriculture, industry, settlement and transportation. Within each topic, collections are ranked based on how much they relate to the subject, making access to this wealth of information even easier. For users who would prefer to browse through all the collections on their own, a list of all collections by title is also provided. An individual can search across collections with a simple keyword search or use the advanced search feature to specify name, county, date, collection and other criteria.

Exhibits and educational resources are highlighted in separate sections of the website. Each exhibit includes a detailed description of its content. Current exhibits range from a display of twentieth century postcards to a presentation of artifacts, photographs and documents related to the first twenty-five years of the Missouri State Fair. In addition to curricula on a number of diverse topics, the website's educational resources include annotated bibliographies, videos of live lectures and links to sites of interest.

Archives Afield!

Sina Simonds: A Free Woman of Color in St. Charles

Bill Glankler
Local Records Field Archivist

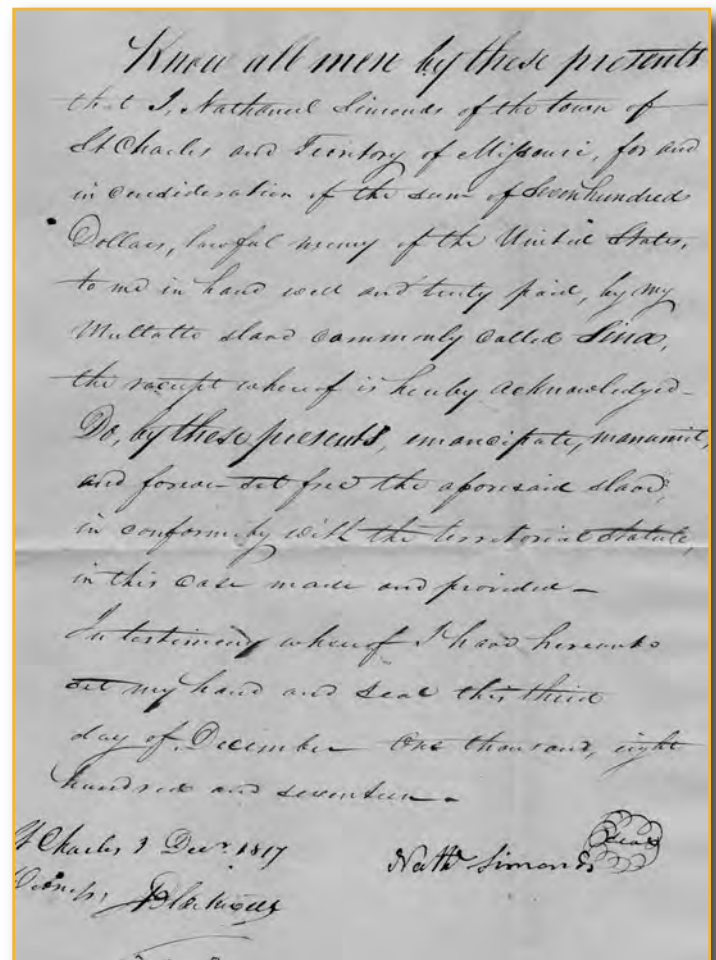
Among the stories found in the St. Charles Circuit Court case files is that of Sina Simonds, a free woman of color who lived in St. Charles from at least 1817 until her death in 1853. According to local legend, Simonds owned multiple properties, had prominent white benefactors and taught black and white children at the school that eventually became St. Charles College. The legend also states that she purchased numerous slaves with the intention of freeing them. The St. Charles Circuit Court case files, along with other court records, provide some detail to that narrative and call into question some of its important elements.

A “mulatto slave commonly called Sina” purchased her freedom from Nathaniel Simonds in December 1817 for \$700. Born in Virginia around 1765, Sina Simonds, as she was known after emancipation, arrived in Missouri at an unknown date and became active in St. Charles society during the antebellum years. Simonds’ official story involves numerous property transactions during her lifetime. These deals produced sixteen deeds, all of which are signed with “her mark,” raising doubt that she worked as a teacher. At the time of her death, she owned two lots—a forty-acre farm located on the current campus of Lindenwood University and a house on Jefferson Street in St. Charles. She made three appearances in circuit court to protect her property rights and collect debt, usually represented by William Pettus. Other white benefactors included Catharine and George Collier and Robert Heath, wealthy social elites who facilitated her land purchases.

Court records remain silent regarding Simonds purchasing and emancipating slaves. According to the narrative, she began this activity in 1819 when she purchased ten slaves and immediately freed

them, actions supposedly repeated throughout her life. Available records seem to contradict this legend. The 1850 slave schedule does not list her as a slaveholder in St. Charles. The tax books from 1836 to 1853 list her taxable property, but do not indicate that she owned any slaves. More telling, the deed books do not reveal any deeds of emancipation involving her (documents that statute required an owner to file). It is possible that Simonds did purchase and free several slaves in 1819 as an isolated event, but no records have been discovered to confirm this supposition.

The only evidence of slave dealings uncovered so far come from her 1853 probate record and two criminal indictments. In her will, Simonds freed Milly Miles, “whom I call my daughter,” and Mary, both of whom were formerly owned by Catharine Collier. Simonds divided her property between Milly and Randall Walker, a free man of



Sina Simonds' Deed of Emancipation
St. Charles Circuit Court

color. Four children not denoted as slaves—George Scott (age 18), Ann Scott (age 15), Walter Scott (age 10) and David Discary (age 9)—were entrusted to the care of Milly and Randall until adulthood. When the three boys were apprenticed to farmers, each was designated a “free person of color.” The criminal indictments from 1837 and 1838 for “suffering a slave to hire her own time” may be suggestive of a plan to free slaves, but, despite the indictments listing her as the master, there is no documentation that she even owned slaves during this period.

Regardless of the lack of evidence in support of the Simonds legend, the court records are quite revealing about her participation in antebellum St. Charles society. The St. Charles Circuit Court case files, although not providing the definitive life of Sina Simonds, offer important glimpses and added substance to the existing narrative while suggesting more questions about the role of free blacks in antebellum American society.

National History Day Competition Held in Jefferson City

Jill Hartke

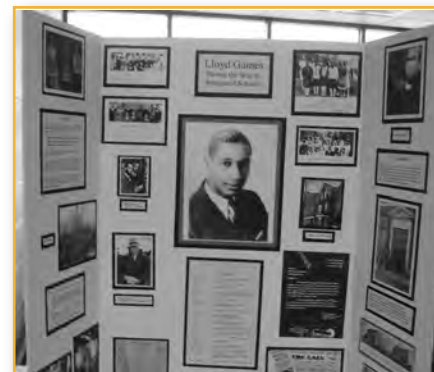
Each year across the United States, students in grades 6-12 take part in National History Day. This competition encourages students to present historical research in one of five categories: documentary, exhibit, individual or group performance, website or historical paper.

The Missouri State Archives, with the support of the Friends of the Missouri State Archives, sponsors the Region 4 (central Missouri) National History Day for students from Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Cole, Cooper, Howard, Moniteau, Morgan, Osage, Pettis and Saline counties. At this competition, students must use research from libraries, archives and museums; oral interviews; historical site visits and other resources to present an entry that relates to a common historical theme.

The theme for the 2008 National History Day competition was *Conflict and Compromise in History*.

Regional judging was held at Lewis and Clark Middle School in Jefferson City on Saturday, February 23, 2008 and included entries from 126 students. Volunteers from around the region judged the entries to determine which would be sent as delegates to the state competition held on April 12 at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Forty-three students, with twenty-seven entries, advanced to the state competition.

Of the six students who placed at the state competition, two students from Region 4, Chris Ghan and Billy Swift, advanced to the nationwide competition held at the University of Maryland from June 15-19.



Billy Swift's winning exhibit *Lloyd Gaines: Paving the Way to Integrated Schools*

Spirit of Liberty: Benjamin Franklin and Slavery. This is the second time Chris has won this category at the state level. Billy Swift, a seventh grader at Columbia Catholic School, won second place at the state contest for his junior individual exhibit *Lloyd Gaines: Paving the Way to Integrated Schools*.

Congratulations to all who participated in National History Day in Missouri.



Brian Rogers (l) and Michael Hubbard (r) hang a banner announcing the Region 4 National History Day competition.

Annual Fundraiser Hosted by Kenneth and Sandra Walls

On March 7, 2008, Kenneth and Sandra Walls hosted the fourth annual “Wine by the Fire,” a social fundraiser that supports the efforts of the Friends of the Missouri State Archives. Proceeds are used to underwrite activities like the Friends’ monthly programming series, digitization of historical records and history-based theatrical performances for schoolchildren. Guests at the Walls home enjoyed Missouri wines, a wide variety of hors d’oeuvres and live music provided by Richard Stokes and Bill Nugent.



Gladys Maeser (l) and Sandra Walls (r) enjoy the live fiddle and guitar music.



State Archivist John Dougan (l) and Keith Ziegelbein (r) greet guests as they arrive.

The Friends of the Missouri State Archives would like to thank the following people for their support of “Wine by the Fire:”

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Stephen Martin Named 2008 Foley Fellow

Jill Hartke

The William E. Foley Research Fellowship was created in 2007 by the Friends of the Missouri State Archives to support the use of Missouri’s public records in scholarly research. Any researcher who utilizes the collections of the Missouri State Archives or its St. Louis branch to further knowledge of state or national history is eligible for up to \$2,000 for travel and research expenses.

Stephen A. Martin, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Oklahoma, has been selected as the 2008 Foley Fellow. Martin completed his M.A. in

History and his B.A. in General Studies at Western Illinois University and has presented research on American Indian history at conferences throughout the country. In addition, he has published book reviews in *Journal of the West*, entries in the *Encyclopedia of Revolutionary America* and is completing pieces for the *Encyclopedia of Native American History*.

The fellowship will support Martin's work on his dissertation, which focuses on the late eighteenth and early nineteenth century migration of the Shawnee and Delaware into the Cape Girardeau region. His research will look at diaspora theory and "how the Shawnee and Delaware formed identities based not primarily on tribal divisions, but on shared experiences." Martin will investigate the circumstances that caused the Shawnee and Delaware to flee the Ohio Valley in 1779; the creation of their communities; the economic and social relations they developed with the French, Anglo-Americans and other American Indians and how these relationships altered over time. Through his research, Martin plans to provide the first comprehensive look at Missouri Shawnee and Delaware communities, including challenging the prevailing view of the role of Tecumseh and his brother, the Shawnee Prophet.

National Genealogy Award Presented to Archives

Jill Hartke

The Missouri State Archives recently received an Award of Merit from the National Genealogical Society (NGS). This award is presented to individuals or institutions who, over a period of five years or more, have made an exceptional contribution to the field of genealogy. State Archivist John Dougan accepted the award on behalf of the Missouri State Archives at the annual NGS conference in Kansas City on May 16, 2008.

The Missouri State Archives was recognized for providing outstanding electronic access to its records. For several years, the Missouri State

Archives has made it a priority to bring its records out of boxes and provide free access to indexes and images online through various digitization projects. The Missouri Birth and Death Records Database, Pre-1910; Missouri Death Certificates 1910-1957; Naturalization Records Database, 1816-1955; Coroner's Inquest Database; Missouri Judicial Records Database; Civil War Provost Marshal Papers; Soldiers Database and Service Cards and Land Patents Database, 1831-1969 were all individually recognized as achievements worthy of the award.

The Award of Merit also acknowledged the work the Archives has put into launching the Missouri Digital Heritage Initiative website, which has brought together collections of Missouri's genealogical and historical records from institutions across the state.

The National Genealogical Society, based in Arlington, Virginia, was founded in 1903 and is the premier national society for genealogical researchers. It serves its members by providing genealogical skill development through education, information, publications, research assistance and networking opportunities.



John Dougan receives the NGS Award of Merit on behalf of the Archives.



Summer 2008 Program Calendar

Arthur Simmons: American Icon of the Horse World — A Daughter's Memories July 31, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Arthur "Art" Simmons' passion for horses, and the incredible success of his dedication to being the best at showing, training, and breeding them, earned him the status of "legend" in his own lifetime.

His life, which almost spanned the entire twentieth century, was a rags to riches saga of a young man working eighteen-hour days and unceasingly soaking up the knowledge of elder horsemen. In *Arthur Simmons:*



Art Simmons driving Fine Harness Champion Papillon
Photo by McClasky

American Icon of the Horse World, Jane Simmons offers an insider's look into the early life of Art Simmons, as well as the stories of countless famous Saddlebreds. This first volume contains over 700 historic images of family, friends, stables, famous horses and notable horsemen. Since his death in January 1995, recognition of Simmons' life and work continues to grow. Now, Simmons Stables (located in Mexico, Missouri), including the family's home, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Dave Para and Cathy Barton: A Tribute to Bob Dyer

August 21, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Robert "Bob" Dyer, a respected historian from Boonville, Missouri, passed away in 2007, leaving behind a rich legacy of not only nonfiction, but poems and songs. Calling himself a "songteller," Dyer became known for creating memorable balladry largely about Missouri subjects. Boonville folk musicians Dave Para and Cathy Barton were long-time friends of Dyer and worked closely with him on a number of recordings, concert performances, school residencies and

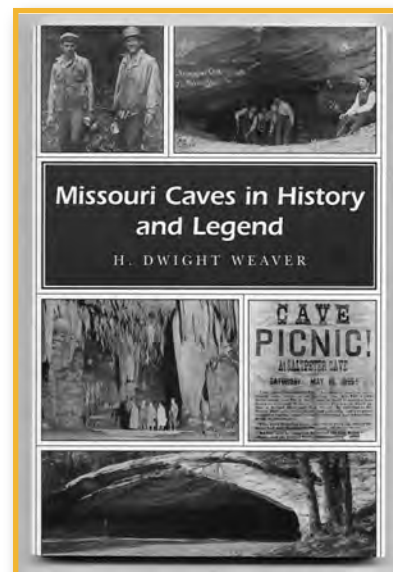


Dave Para, Cathy Barton and Bob Dyer (l-r)

workshops. They will present a program of some of his best-known songs about the Missouri River, the Boonslick region and its denizens and legends. The duo has studied and presented traditional and contemporary folk music from Missouri and the Ozarks for thirty years. Their dynamic performances feature instrumental work inspired by the local fiddling scene and vocal music drawn from a variety of sources and subjects.

Missouri Caves: A Utilitarian Legacy September 18, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

The state of Missouri boasts more than six thousand caves in an unbelievable variety of sizes, lengths and shapes. In *Missouri Caves in History and Legend*, H. Dwight Weaver takes readers deep underground to shed light on how caves contributed to the settlement, social, economic and cultural development of Missouri. Weaver describes how these underground places were used for burial sites, moonshine stills, hideouts for Civil War soldiers and outlaws and even as venues for underground dance parties in the late nineteenth century. He explores the early uses of caves for the mining of saltpeter, onyx and guano; as sources of water; for cold storage and as livestock shelters. Today, explorers prowl this underground world in search of knowledge and to protect endangered species. Included in the book is an overview of cave resources in twelve regions, covering all the Missouri counties that currently have recorded caves.



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Executive, Legislative and Judicial Records

Department of Transportation.

Defense Access Roads. Federal Highway Administration. 1956-1981.0.5 cubic ft.

Missouri Court of Appeals.

Eastern District. Case Files (Case Numbers 78665-89098). 2000-2006.126 cubic ft.

Southern District. Case Files (Case Numbers 25662-28674). 2003-2007.199 cubic ft.

Supreme Court of Missouri.

Case Files. September 2006 Session (Case Numbers 85476-88211). 2006.26 cubic ft.

Secretary of State.

Board of State Canvassers Report for 23rd Senatorial District seat special election.

September 4, 2007.0.1 cubic ft.

Code of State Regulations and Missouri Register. 2007-2008.3 vols.

Election Returns. Presidential Preference Primary. February 5, 2008.3 cubic ft.

County and Municipal Records

Boone County.

Circuit Court. Case Files. 1904-1918.1 reel

Carroll County.

Collector/Treasurer. Records. 1833-1858.2 reels

Recorder of Deeds. Records. Deeds. 1866-1899.24 reels

Cedar County.

Recorder of Deeds. Records. Deeds and Marriages. 1878-2007.6 reels

Chariton County.

Probate Court. Case Files. 1972-1979.7 reels

Clark County.

Probate Court. Case Files. 1871-1976.37 reels

Clay County.

Probate Court. Case Files. 1829-1900.1 reel

Franklin County.

Probate Court. Case Files. 1813-1955.4 reels

Harrison County. City of Bethany.

City Clerk. Records. City Council Minutes. 2002-2007.1 reel

Hickory County.

Recorder of Deeds. Deeds. 2007-2008.4 reels

Jackson County.

Circuit Court. Case Files. 1961-1962.320 reels

Laclede County.

Recorder of Deeds. Deeds. 2007.4 reels

Lawrence County.

Circuit Court. Case Files. 1842-1892.19 reels

Recorder of Deeds. Deeds. March-June 2007.4 reels

Monroe County.

Recorder of Deeds. Deeds. 2007.4 reels

Osage County.

Recorder of Deeds. Deeds. 2007.39 reels

Platte County.

Collector of Revenue. Assessments and Taxes. 2007.8 reels

Randolph County.

Recorder of Deeds. Deeds. 2007-2008.5 reels

Saint Louis City.

Probate Court. Case Files. 1890-1891.1 reel

Saint Louis County.

Clerk. Ordinances and Resolutions. 1951-1958.3 reels

Probate Court. Guardianship Case Files. 1802-1876.1 reel

Sainte Genevieve County.

Recorder of Deeds. Deeds. 2007.4 reels

Warren County.

Recorder of Deeds. Deeds. 2007- 2008.7 reels

Webster County.

Probate Court. Case Files. 1952-1961.5 reels

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Clan Ewing in America. 14.1. February 2008.1 vol.

Dorris, Gene, ed., *Dorris-Net.* 13.4. December 2007.1 vol.

Geer Family Association. *Newsletter.* 25.1. Fall 2007.1 vol.

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Wooderson, Margaret J. Weekly News Items about Siloam Springs

from *Albany Ledger*, Gentry County. 1884-1917.2 vols.

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Eureka Historical Society

Eureka, Missouri Sesquicentennial, 1858-2008, edited by Jo Beck.

Fleming, Ann Carter

St. Louis Family History Research Guide, by Ann Carter Fleming.

McClure, Jeanette

James Ketcherside, the Elder: Maryland, South Carolina, North Carolina.

Our Campbell Families, by Jeanette H. McClure.

Transcriptions of:

Iron County Marriages, Book 9.

Iron County Marriages, Book 10, Nov. 1927-Oct. 1933.

Iron County Memories: Cemeteries, Vol. 3.

Ironton High School, Class of 1957, 50th Reunion.

Madison County, Missouri: The Early Churches and the Wills of Will Book A, 1822-1855.

Wayne County, Missouri: 1860 Census.

Transcription by MehdiFakhar of:

Qualified Voters in Iron County: Qualified Voters vs. Alphabetical List of Loyal-Disloyal Civil War Citizens, 1864-1868, prepared by the staff of Fort Davidson State Historic Site.

Wooderson, Margaret

A Dream Remembered: The Story of Old Siloam, Gentry County, Missouri.

Transcription of:

Weekly News Items of Siloam Springs, Gentry County, Missouri, Taken from the Albany Ledger, 1884-1917.

Military History

Weant, Kenneth

Transcription of:

Civil War Records: Union Troops, Missouri Militia Calvary, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th Regiments, Plus 1st and 2nd Artillery Brigades.

Missouri/United States History

Jolley, Laura

And Then It Happened: The History of the Shooting of Sergeant Ben Booth and Sheriff Roger Wilson, by George Sherman Grazier.

Warren Eastman Hearnese: A Memoir From the Personal Notes and Recollections of Betty C. Hearnese, by Rob Crouse.

Weiser, Dennis

Missouri Courthouses: Building Memories on the Square, by Dennis Weiser.

Miscellaneous

Henson, Alice

Water Carried Up Hill: A Sense of Place and Past, Stories of the Members of Marshall First United Methodist Church, by Carol Mallman Raynor.

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Scots-Irish Links, 1575-1725, by David Dobson.

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The St. Louis African American Community and the Exodusters, by Bryan M. Jack.

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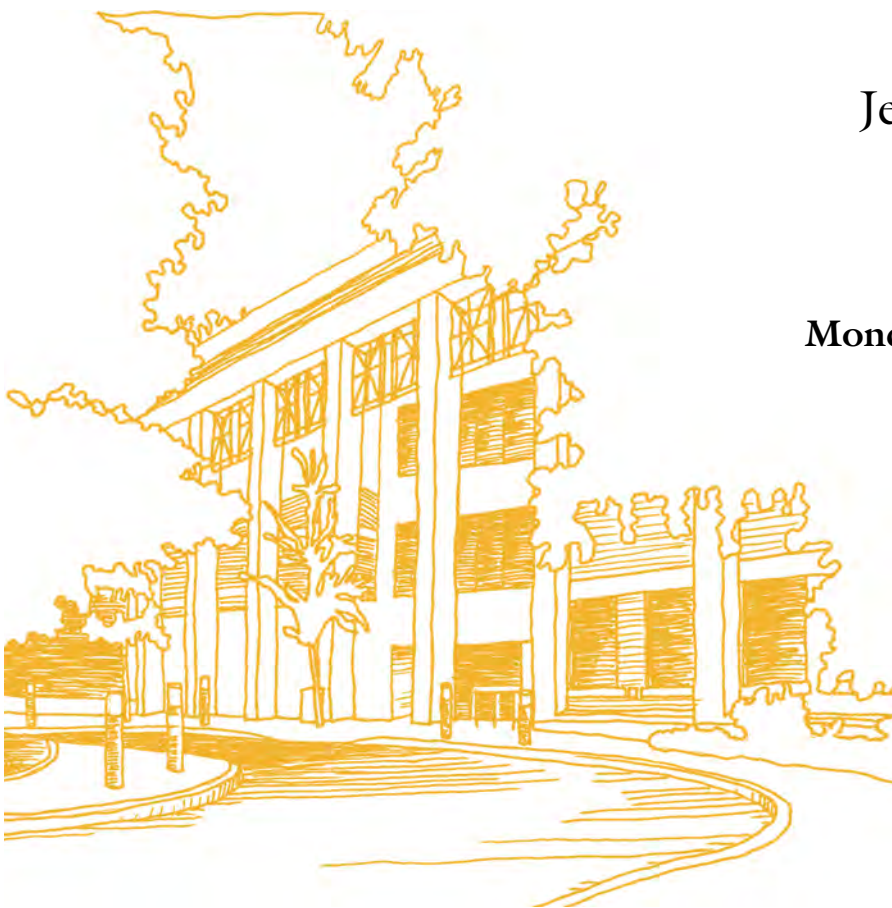
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